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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 28, 2015 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the Gila wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide national scenic trail, rising six thousand to seven thousand five hundred feet above sea level and offering cool summer temperatures and uninterrupted views to the Mexican border to the south; and

WHEREAS, the first designated Continental Divide trail

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1 gateway community, dedicated to the promotion and protection of  
2 the trail, is located in Grant county; and

3 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history  
4 that includes early Native Americans, Chiricahua Apaches and  
5 wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan  
6 Tucker; and

7 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico  
8 university, where its museum houses the world's foremost  
9 collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

10 WHEREAS, Grant county is New Mexico's richest county for  
11 mining; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the  
13 one hundred twenty-fifth United States colored infantry was  
14 established at Fort Bayard; and

15 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored to be the home of many  
16 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two hundredth coast  
17 artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan  
18 death march; and

19 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the tour of the Gila, New  
20 Mexico's premier cycling stage race that attracts national and  
21 international teams and boosts awareness and use of the trail  
22 of the mountain spirits national scenic byway;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
24 OF NEW MEXICO that January 28, 2015 be proclaimed "Grant County  
25 Day" in the senate; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great places of Grant county be recognized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners of Grant county.